



Funeral & Memorial Service Planning Resource

First United Methodist Church
Richardson

Funeral Home List

(This list is not an endorsement by FUMCR)

ALLEN FAMILY FUNERAL OPTIONS

2120 W. Springcreek Parkway
Plano, TX 75023
972.596.8200

ALLEN FUNERAL HOME

508 E. Masters
Wylie, TX 75098
972.442.2234

ARIA CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICES

19310 Preston Road
Dallas, TX 75252
214.306.6700

CHARLES W. SMITH & SON FUNERAL HOME

2925 5th Street
Sachse, TX 75048
972.414.5050

EASTGATE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES

1910 Eastgate Drive
(LBJ & NW Hwy)
Garland, TX 75041
972.270.6116

DALTON & SON FUNERAL HOME

1550 N. Stemmons
Lewisville, TX 75067
972.436.6511

TED DICKEY WEST FUNERAL HOME

8011 Frankford Rd
Dallas, TX 75252
972.404.6070

LINCOLN FUNERAL HOME

8100 Fireside Drive
Dallas, TX 75217
214.398.8133

METRO CREST FUNERAL HOME

1810 Harry Road
Carrollton, TX 75006
972.242.3613

NORTH DALLAS FUNERAL HOME & JOHN P BROOKS

2710 Valley View Lane
Farmers Branch, TX 75234
972.241.9100
(Spanish Speaking)

PARADIGM FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICE

1611 North Central Expressway
Plano, TX 75075
972.424.1144

RESTLAND FUNERAL HOME

13005 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75243
972.238.7111

SPARKMAN FUNERAL HOME

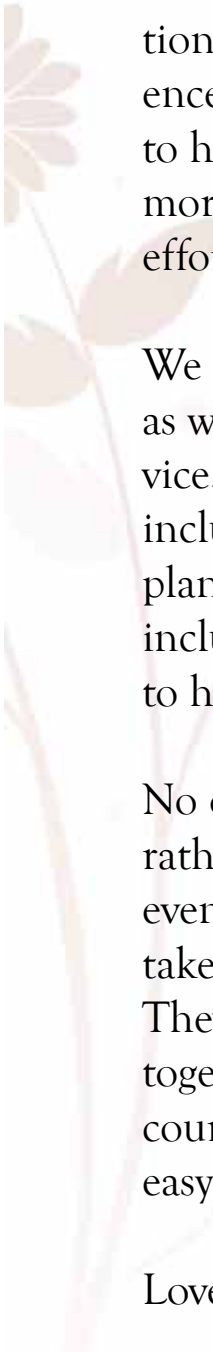
1029 S. Greenville Avenue
Richardson, TX 75081
972.238.7855

SPARKMAN/HILLCREST FUNERAL HOME

7405 West Northwest Highway
Dallas, TX 75225
214.363.5401

TURRENTINE, JACKSON & MORROW FUNERAL HOME

2525 North Central Expressway
Allen, TX 75013
972.562.2601 - Allen
972.335.2444 - Frisco
972.382.2311 - Celina



*I*n the past, we have had the sacred privilege of sharing with families their struggle and hard work to put together an appropriate celebration and remembrance for their deceased loved one. In these experiences we also have seen how important and significant it is for families to have communication from their loved one about the funeral or memorial service. It makes their planning easier, and it helps focus their efforts for how their loved one wants things to be.

We have prepared this resource to be used when a loved one has died, as well as assisting in making plans for your own desires for your service. In this Funeral and Memorial Service Planning Resource, we have included the essentials and given you the information needed to make plans. If there are questions or issues that come up, which we have not included, please feel free to call upon us to assist you. We will be glad to help.

No one wants to think that they will die. It is a subject that we had rather not talk about, yet we all know that none of us will escape that event. This is why families are so appreciative when a loved one has taken the time to make plans for their funeral or memorial service. They realize what an act of love those plans represent. In putting together this resource for funeral and memorial planning we are encouraging you to perform an act of love for your family. It will not be easy but true love never is.

Love always calls for the best from us.

Grace and Peace,



Rev. April Johnson Bristow



Rev. Rich Rindfuss



A Place to begin... . . . Process, Protocol & Considerations

Prior to death...

Our ministers consider it a sacred privilege to visit and pray with you during this difficult time. If time and circumstances allow, please call the church office (972.235.8385) to notify us of your situation. One of our ministers will make every effort to come and pray with you and your family.

In the event that you call after office hours, your information will be directed to the “minister on call” by our answering service. A minister will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

When death occurs...

When your loved one dies, please call the church office. If possible, one of our ministers will come and be with you. If this occurs after office hours, your call will be directed to the minister on call by the answering service. The minister will call you back as soon as possible.

Setting the date and time for service...

Our ministers are happy to help you plan a meaningful service to celebrate the life of your loved one. One of our pastors will coordinate the service, please visit with him or her **prior to scheduling the service date and time**.

There are two areas where services may be held at the church:

Chapel which seats up to 100

Sanctuary which accommodates a service for 25 - 1,300

Due to the on-going worship service schedule of the church, funerals and memorial services* will not be held on Sundays. In addition, the church typically does not perform services during specific holiday weekends, church events or on Saturdays. The minister will review the availability of our facilities and his or her calendar in order to set the service at a time that is convenient for all.

*Memorial Service: Casket is not present

Funeral Service: Casket is present

Planning the service...

The minister that is leading the service will want to meet with the family members at the church or at your home and coordinate the service. This is a time to share stories and favorite memories of your loved one. Family members will find this to be a very helpful time as well as a source of comfort.

Your loved one may have left instructions about the service. Please share these instructions with the pastor at this time. In the back of this resource, you will find a list of hymns and scripture suggestions. This will be a helpful resource to you prior to meeting with the minister.

Music & Media...

When a loved one dies, people often find themselves at a loss for words. Music can unveil a dimension of meaning and feeling that words alone cannot. It is natural that the church involves music during the service designed to remember and celebrate the life of your loved one. The Chapel and Sanctuary has an organ and grand piano. A musician for the organ or piano will be available for the service.

All music selections should give glory to God and witness to our hope in Jesus Christ.. Music and video for the funeral must reflect this understanding of ultimate hope. Hymns can also be used as solos. Any video or multi-media presentation should be limited to four minutes or less and must be received, pre-viewed, and approved by the officiating pastor twenty-four hours before the service.

Expenses...

There are no building usage fees for services held at First United Methodist Church Richardson. There is an organist or pianist fee of \$125. If a vocalist or instrumentalist is desired there will be an additional fee for this person or persons. These honorariums are due on the day of the service and should be made payable to the individual.

If long distance travel is required, expenses of the clergy should be covered.

Flowers & Memorial Gifts...

The family may wish to provide flowers for the altar. Delivery should be at least one and a half hours prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, families may wish to offer donations to the church in memory of their loved one.

Columbarium...

If you choose cremation, FUMCR now offers a beautiful resting place for the internment of ashes. The Columbarium is located in a garden area north of the sanctuary. The site is a place of dignity and beauty where family and friends can visit and meditate at any time. The Columbarium can be used by church members (past or present) and members of the immediate families. For specific information, please contact the Director of Finance - 972.996.0106.

Care for Grieving Families on the Day of Service...

FUMCR wishes to be of assistance to our members during this time. We offer one of the following as a means of caring for you and your family:

A meal (up to 35 people) delivered to the home of your choice on the day of the service or on the day prior to the service. This meal could also be at the church if space is available.

-or-

A reception in the Shawver Welcome Center following the service to include cookies and cold and hot beverages. Servers are provided by the Caring Ministries. The family may provide additional trays of food, if prior arrangements are made.

Planning Materials... Hymns, Scriptures & Other Resources

Opening Hymns

No. 110 ~ A Mighty Fortress is Our God
No. 302 ~ Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
No. 189 ~ Fairest Lord Jesus
No. 711 ~ For All the Saints
No. 577 ~ God of Grace and God of Glory
No. 140 ~ Great Is Thy Faithfulness
No. 529 ~ How Firm a Foundation
No. 77 ~ How Great Thou Art
No. 89 ~ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
No. 384 ~ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
No. 368 ~ My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
No. 139 ~ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Closing Hymns

No. 127 ~ Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
No. 580 ~ Lead On, O King Eternal
No. 159 ~ Lift High the Cross
No. 117 ~ O God, Our Help in Ages Past
No. 308 ~ Thine Be the Glory

Hymns of Hope and Comfort

No. 700 ~ Abide with Me
No. 378 ~ Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
No. 534 ~ Be Still, My Soul
No. 297 ~ Beneath the Cross of Jesus
No. 369 ~ Blessed Assurance
No. 557 ~ Blest Be the Tie That Binds
No. 141 ~ Children of the Heavenly Father
No. 707 ~ Hymn of Promise
No. 156 ~ I Love to Tell the Story
No. 314 ~ In the Garden
No. 377 ~ It Is Well with My Soul
No. 301 ~ Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
No. 191 ~ Jesus Loves Me
No. 452 ~ My Faith Looks Up to Thee
No. 143 ~ On Eagles' Wings
No. 474 ~ Precious Lord, Take My Hand
No. 361 ~ Rock of Ages, Cleft to Me
No. 381 ~ Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
No. 723 ~ Shall We Gather At the River
No. 706 ~ Soon and Very Soon
No. 328 ~ Surely the Presence of the Lord
No. 526 ~ What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27	I know that my redeemer lives
Isaiah 25:6-9	God will swallow up death forever
Isaiah 26:1-4, 19	God will keep them in peace
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31	Comfort my people
Isaiah 40:28-31	Those who wait for the Lord shall renew
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19, 25	When you pass through the waters
Isaiah 44:6-8	I am the first and the last
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	Come, everyone who thirsts
Isaiah 61:1-4	The spirit of the Lord is upon me
Isaiah 65:17-25	I create new heavens and a new earth
Lamentations 3:19-25, 31b-32	The Lord's steadfast love
Joel 2 (selected verses)	Return to the Lord with all your heart
Psalms 16:5-11	The Lord is my chosen portion
Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Psalms 27:1, 4-9a, 13-14	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalms 39:4-5, 12	Lord, let me know my end
Psalms 42:1-6a	As a deer longs for flowing streams
Psalms 43	Give judgment for me, O God

Psalms 46:1-5, 10-11
Psalms 90:1-10, 12
Psalms 91
Psalms 103
Psalms 106:1-5
Psalms 116:1-9, 15
Psalms 118
Psalms 121
Psalms 130
Psalms 139:12
Psalms 145
Psalms 146

A very present help in trouble
Teach us to number our days
The one who dwells in the shelter
Bless the Lord, O my soul
O give thanks to the Lord
The Lord has heard my voice
Open the gates of righteousness
I lift up my eyes to the hills
Out of the depths I cry to the Lord
Where shall I go from your spirit
I will extol you, O God my King
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul

New Testament

Matthew 5:1-12a
Matthew 11:15-30
Matthew 25:1-13
Matthew 25:31-46
Luke 7:11-17
Luke 18:15-17
Luke 23:33, 39-43
John 3:16-21
John 5:24-29
John 6:37-40
John 6:47-58
John 11:17-27
John 11:38-44
John 14:1-6, 25-27
Romans 5:1-11
Romans 6:3-9
Romans 8:14-23, 31-39
Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12
1 Corinthians 15 (sel.)
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1
2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Ephesians 1:11-2:1, 4-11
Philippians 3:7-11
Philippians 3:20-21
Colossians 3:1-17
1 Thessalonians 4:13
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Hebrews 2:14-18
Hebrews 11-12 (sel.)
1 Peter 1:3-9
1 Peter 3:18-22; 4:6
1 John 3:1-3
Revelation 7:2-3, 9-17
Revelation 14:1-3, 6-7, 12-13
Revelation 21:1-4, 22-25

The Beatitudes
Hidden from the wise, revealed in infants
Wise and foolish bridesmaids
The Last Judgment
Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain
We enter the kingdom only as children
Today you will be with me in Paradise
God so loved the world
Whoever hears and believes has eternal life
Anyone who comes to me I will never drive
Whoever believes in me has eternal life
I am the resurrection and the life
Lazarus raised from the dead
Let not your hearts be troubled
Hope does not disappoint
Baptized into Christ's death, raised to live
Nothing can separate from the love of God
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
Christ raised from the dead
Visible things are temporary, invisible things
From God we have a house not made with
Saved by grace through faith
Knowing him and the power of his resurrection
Our citizenship is in heaven
Set your minds on the things that are above
The comfort of Christ's coming
If we died with him, we shall also live with him
Christ was tested in every way
Faith, the pilgrimage, the cloud of witnesses
Without seeing Christ, you love him
Christ's ministry to the spirits in prison
We are children of God
These are they who have come out of the
Rest for the saints
A new heaven and a new earth

My Funeral / Memorial Service

I, _____, would like to encourage you to plan my funeral / memorial service to be a faith-sharing and faith-building experience, giving thanks to God for the reality of the Resurrection!

Listed below are my wishes concerning various aspects of my service and burial.

Place of Service and Participants

Name of Church _____

Location _____

Clergy: The Pastor and Associate _____
and my friend, Rev. _____

Phone Numbers _____

Casket / Urn _____ Obituary: Yes No

Music I would like to have during the service:

Hymns to be sung by the congregation _____

Music to be played by organist _____

Special Music _____

Sung by _____

My Scripture Selections:

You may read all or portions of these and include others at loved ones' request.

Consider inviting a person(s) to participate by sharing reflections, either during the service or at the committal.

My suggestions at this time would be _____ or
_____ or _____.

Funeral Home:

The funeral home is _____, located at _____, telephone number _____

Pallbearers:

Name	Address	Phone

Other thoughts and/or suggestions

In lieu of flowers, make gifts to my church and/or (please be specific):

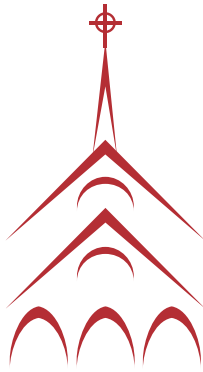
Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature

(Witnesses permitted, but not necessary.)

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